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For: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO	:	
HALFTONE PATTERNS	:	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

As a preliminary matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 21 and add the following new claims.

22. A halftone image produced by the method set forth in Claim 8.

23. A halftone image produced by the method set forth in Claim 18.

REMARKS

No new matter has been introduced into this application by reason of the claim amendments presented herewith. The only purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to correct the form of the claims to avoid the prohibition in 37 CFR 1.75(c) against a multiple dependent claim serving as a basis for another multiple dependent claim. There is no intention to limit the scope of the claims either expressed or implied. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is not being supplied because the amendment involves only

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the cancellation and addition of claims.

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be entered prior to the first official action on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant hereby submits copies of the documents identified in the attached PTO Form-1449.

Please note that this application is the U.S. national phase of International Patent Application No. PCT/NZ00/00029, filed March 16, 2000. An International Search Report was established for this international application. A copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein were received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, copies of those references are not being submitted with this information disclosure statement.

Applicant does not presently have copies of the article by K. Haller, the Hell GmbH dot shapes, the articles by C. Eliezer, and the article entitled "Desktop to Press"

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that are listed in the attached PTO-1449. However, those documents were cited during the examination of the Applicant's issued patents US 6,072,592 and 5,680,222. Copies of those documents may be available in the PTO file wrappers for those patents.

Applicant respectfully requests full and proper consideration of the information being disclosed herein during examination of the application, and that the listed information be printed on any patent which issues therefrom.

Although this information is being submitted more than three months after the filing date of the present application, no action on the merits of the present application has been received. Therefore, it is believed by the undersigned attorney that the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97(b) apply to the submission of this statement. In the event it is determined by the Commissioner that 37 CFR §1.97(b) is not applicable, in order for the Examiner to consider the enclosed documents the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) to Deposit Account 04-1406 of the undersigned attorneys. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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